

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1879  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and  
 1-4 Military Installations; April 8, 2015, reported adversely, with  
 1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
 1-6 Nays 0; April 8, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1879 By: Campbell

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the allocation of certain grants from the fund for  
 1-20 veterans' assistance.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 434.017, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-23 adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

1-24 (c-1) Every four years, the commission shall:

1-25 (1) conduct a needs assessment to identify the  
 1-26 specific high-priority needs of veterans and the services available  
 1-27 to address those needs;

1-28 (2) determine the grant categories that correspond to  
 1-29 the needs identified under Subdivision (1); and

1-30 (3) identify any discrepancy between the needs  
 1-31 identified under Subdivision (1) and the services available to  
 1-32 address those needs.

1-33 (c-2) On completion of the needs assessment and other  
 1-34 determinations under Subsection (c-1), the commission shall  
 1-35 incorporate the results of the assessment and determinations into  
 1-36 the commission's process for awarding grants from the fund for  
 1-37 veterans' assistance.

1-38 SECTION 2. Not later than June 1, 2016, the Texas Veterans  
 1-39 Commission shall conduct the initial needs assessment, make  
 1-40 determinations, and incorporate the results of the assessment and  
 1-41 determinations as required by Sections 434.017(c-1) and (c-2),  
 1-42 Government Code, as added by this Act.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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